P & G, 3/7/70

I interrupt the retyping of the A notes to report something I do not want to forget if I get busy or weekend company. I have completed the fifth typed page. It is apparent, to me glaringly obvious, that the A, which may mean Johnson only, was engaged in a systematic effort to deny me what could not properly be denied and, in a number of cases, was readily available to others who would not understand and who could have been (and were) guided into writing mass-audience stories contrary to fact and truth. It is also obvious that they have lied, are lying, and this cannot be accidental. If you recall the relatively-recent hassle over the autopsy authorization and their insistence it was in JFK 4-1 all along, I find I asked for it from the very first, without response, asked for it regularly and repeatedly after I got the JFK 4-1 file, and they turned me down! Examination of the summary only leaves no doubt that knew I had asked for everything on the autopsy and it is specific in the letters. I also asked for the unpublished transcripts. So, they gave this stuff to others while denying it to me. Another case, the GSA-family contract. They refused it to me, making it seem like a permanent and irrevocable thing, because not to would be to encourage sensational and undignified use of the material, and then they turn around and release it as soon as a fink walked in, without concern for sensational or undignified use (is that proper grounds, anyway?) These are not all the cases. I cannot possibly keep all of it in mind. However, these are sufficiently numerous and sufficiently clear for me to write and ask you to think about this and the possibilities. Can the A be this dishonest, this corrupt, without any special reason, just as an innocent way of life? The inordinate delays in some cases worked, for I missed things even when I had been laboring to get them, dulled by their explanations. To this point in the typing I am still in the Bahmer administration. Policy was unchanged. From this I think the two more likely probabilities are that a) Johnson was able to pull it, for whoever he served, because he wrote their letters and they could not have known details or b) there was a strict policy laid down from above and both administrations followed it. There just is no mistake on what I asked for, what I was refused or told didn't exist, etc. Now we have the fudging with my 399 picture, which cannot be accidental. Johnson and I had a fight over it and he was there when we took the pictures. He knows they took that picture for me (and is not no answer to the requests I have made for and about this recently but long ago in terms of failure to respond. After we get the immediate out of the way, I must again raise with Bud what I did to begin with, filing a suit for damages under the torts law. I do not know the law as it relates to suing for this kind of damage, but I think there is no doubt about either the tort or its deliberateness. I think such a suit would really shake Johnson and Rhoads up-and stop all this crap. AND attract attention to both the dishonesty, raising the question why, and the content of the material. I would like your opinions. I also suggest this cannot be without significance.

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